

Committee: Executive
Date: Monday 6 July 2009
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

**Councillor Barry Wood
(Chairman)**

Councillor Ken Atack

Councillor Norman Bolster

Councillor Michael Gibbard

Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor James Macnamara

Councillor Kieron Mallon

Councillor Nigel Morris

Councillor D M Pickford

Councillor Nicholas Turner

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

5. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2009.

6. **Forward Plan** (Pages 7 - 19)

6.35 pm

Report of Leader of the Council

Summary

To review the Leader's Forward Plan of the key decisions which will be taken by the Executive over the next four months.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended:

- 1) To resolve to note the Leader's Forward Plan for the next four months.

Strategy and Policy

7. **Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy** (Pages 20 - 52)

6.40 pm

Report of Chief Executive and Community and Corporate Planning Manager

Summary

To agree a consultation draft of the Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Agree a draft of the Cherwell Sustainable Community Strategy prior to three months of public consultation.
- 2) Agree that any amendments on the draft arising from Cherwell Community Planning Partnership be agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Policy and Community Planning.

8. **Update on the Government's Ecotown Programme**

7.00 pm

** Report to Follow **

To provide an update on the current position.

9. **Investment Strategy** (Pages 53 - 58)

7.20 pm

** Appendices to Follow **

Report of Strategic Director Customer Service and Resources

Summary

This report sets out the revised investment Strategy for treasury operations for 2009/10 and replaces the strategy approved by the Executive on 2nd March 2009. As with the originally approved documents the attached fulfil the Council's requirement under the Local Government Act 2003 and guidance subsequently issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now CLG) in March 2004, to prepare an annual investment strategy.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Recommend to Council approval of the revised Investment Strategy 2009/2010.

Service Delivery and Innovation

10. **Integrated Vehicle Parking Strategy: Taxi Ranks** (Pages 59 - 74)

7.40 pm

Report of Head of Urban and Rural Services

Summary

To advise Members on progress with the initial options appraisal for additional rank space for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Note the review and options appraisal.
- 2) Approve further detailed design/investigation into additional rank space on the preferred options of:
 - Banbury: Bridge Street
 - Banbury: Horsefair
 - Banbury: North Bar
 - Bicester: Bell Lane
 - Kidlington: Oxford Road
- 3) Delegate responsibility to the Head of Urban and Rural Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council to:
 - Seek agreement with Oxfordshire County Council on funding and implementation of the final scheme's
 - Undertake formal consultation on the selected options, and

- Secure any approvals from Department for Transport

11. **Concessionary Fares - A Task & Finish Group Scrutiny Review** (Pages 75 - 108) 7.55 pm

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Summary

To consider the overview and scrutiny Task & Finish Group report on Concessionary Fares.

Cllr Clarke, Chairman of the Task & Finish Group, will attend the meeting to present the report.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Note the work of the Task and Finish Group scrutiny review into Concessionary Fares as detailed in Appendix 1;
- 2) Agree the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations regarding concessionary regarding concessionary travel as detailed below:

Recommendation 1: Smart Card Reader Scheme

That Cherwell District Council should not pursue the introduction of a Smart Card Reader scheme at this time due to the significant financial investment required and reservations about the current technical capacity of such schemes to meet the Council's needs.

Recommendation 2: Mis-ticketing

That the Portfolio Holder should publicise the importance of checking bus tickets and encourage bus pass holders to submit examples of mis-ticketing. The Portfolio Holder should follow-up examples of mis-ticketing with the bus companies; monitor the scale and value of the problem for the remainder of the financial year; and report on the results and proposed actions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the spring of 2010.

Recommendation 3: Management Information

That the Portfolio Holder should encourage the concessionary fare service providers to move to a monthly rather than quarterly claim and settlement cycle.

Recommendation 4: National Travel Tokens

That the current arrangements for the issue of national travel tokens should continue for 2009/10 and that the Portfolio Holder should monitor the take up and use of the national travel token scheme. The Council's continued participation in the national travel token scheme should be reviewed against the findings of the independent research into the provision of community transport schemes in the district (see recommendation 5).

Recommendation 5: Community Transport

That Cherwell District Council should continue to support and promote the provision of community transport schemes across the District. In support of this corporate priority the Portfolio Holder should commission research into the feasibility of introducing alternative community transport schemes in those parts of the district where residents do not benefit from the concessionary bus pass, national travel tokens or the Dial-A-Ride service.

Recommendation 6: Consortium approach

That the Portfolio Holder should open discussions with colleagues at the County Council and the District/City councils with a view to promoting a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of the national concessionary travel scheme, subject to the outcome of the government's consultation on the administration of concessionary fares schemes.

Recommendation 7: Government Consultation

That the Portfolio Holder should be invited to use the work of this Task & Finish Group and the conclusions and recommendations in this report to inform the Council's response to the government's consultation on the administration of concessionary fares schemes.

Recommendation 8: Concessionary Travel Scheme

That the start time for the concessionary travel scheme in Cherwell should not be reviewed again and should remain at 09.30 am, in line with the statutory scheme, until April 2011 when the new arrangements for the administration of the concessionary travel scheme will come into force.

12. **Definition of Waste and Collection from Schools and Charities** (Pages 109 - 114) **8.10 pm**

Report of Head of Environmental Services

Summary

To agree the approach and the charges for collecting chargeable household waste from charities and schools

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the approach to dealing with chargeable household waste
- 2) Agree the proposed fees for the collection of waste from schools and charities
- 3) Work with other authorities in Oxfordshire through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to ensure a consistent approach to the different waste categories to minimise any additional cost to the taxpayer

13. Cotswold Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2008-2013
(Pages 115 - 124) **8.20 pm**

Report of Head of Planning and Affordable Housing

Summary

To consider whether to endorse the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan as supplementary guidance.

Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to

- 1) Endorse the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan as supplementary guidance as allowed by the provisions of paragraph 6.3 of Planning Policy Statement PPS12.

Urgent Business

14. Urgent Business

Any other items which the Chairman has decided is urgent.

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following reports contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Members are reminded that whilst the following items have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to pass the following recommendation:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business, on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

16. Banbury Market Future Management (Pages 125 - 137) **8.25 pm**

(Meeting scheduled to close at 8.35 pm)

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item. The definition of personal and prejudicial interests is set out in Part 5 Section A of the constitution. The Democratic Support Officer will have a copy available for inspection at all meetings.

Personal Interest: Members must declare the interest but may stay in the room, debate and vote on the issue.

Prejudicial Interest: Member must withdraw from the meeting room and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

With the exception of the some very specific circumstances, a Member with a personal interest also has a prejudicial interest if it is one which a Member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

Queries Regarding this Agenda

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